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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 5977

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LA, TH

SUBJ: ANOTHER APPEAL FOR LAO RESISTANCE SUPPORT

REF: A) BANGKOK A-9

1. A LAO REFUGEE CONNECTED WITH LAO RESISTANCE ELEMENTS OPERATING IN SOUTHERN LAOS, MAJOR BOUNTHONGKHAM, CALLED EMBOFF MARCH 16 TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT. THERE HAD BEEN PREVIOUS CONTACT IN EARLY JANUARY WHEN BOUNTHONGKHAM CONVEYED AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF RESISTANCE LEADER COLONEL KHAMBOO PHIMASENE (REF), BUT THE MAJOR HINTED THAT THIS TIME HE WISHED TO SEE US ON A MORE PERSONAL MATTER, SO EMBOFF AGREED TO MEET HIM.

2. BOUNTHONGKHAM ARRIVED WITH A THAI POLICEMAN FROM YASOTHON PROVINCE, NOT FAR FROM EASTERN BORDER WITH LAOS. AFTER PRELIMINARIES, BOUNTHONGKHAM NOTED THAT RESISTANCE WAS PICKING UP AND APPEALED AGAIN FOR U.S. HELP. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT OUR POLICY WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUPPORT, WHICH BOUNTHONGKHAM ACKNOWLEDGED HE KNEW FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. THAI POLICEMAN THEN SPOKE UP AND SAID THE LAO RESISTANCE WAS VERY SHORT OF FOOD, WEAPONS, AND AMMUNITION.

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HE WAS TRYING TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO HELP, AND UBON BPP

ELEMENTS WERE PROVIDING LAO RESISTANCE WITH TEN BAGS OF RICE PER MONTH, BUT THIS WAS NEGLIGIBLE COMPARED TO THE NEEDS. HE ALSO REQUESTED A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF OUR ATTITUDE, AND EMB-OFF REITERATED THE USG DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES OF INDOCHINA, WHICH PRECLUDED AID TO RESISTANCE. VISITORS DEPARTED WITH DIMINISHED ENTHUSIASM.

3. DURING THE COURSE OF THE BRIEF CONVERSATION, THE LAO CLAIMED THE SOUTHERN RESISTANCE IS HOLDING FIVE ISLANDS IN THE MEKONG NORTH OF PAKSE. PL ARE OVERFLYING THEM DAILY TO OBSERVE ACTIVITY BUT HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION. KHAMBOO IS ALLEGEDLY ON ONE OF THE ISLANDS. BOUNTHONGKHAM SAID THAT LAO EXILE KONG LE RECENTLY WROTE KHAMBOO FROM FRANCE TO SAY THAT THE RTG HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT HIM TO ENTER THAILAND.  
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